



Carleton Park J & I Weekly Newsletter

Weekending Friday 24th April 2020



Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all continuing to remain safe, well and in good spirits?

The weeks are now rolling by and we seem no clearer on when our lives will return to normal. I ask you to stay resilient, remember the key messages we repeat over and over again to our children... **WHEN THINGS ARE DIFFICULT DO NOT GIVE UP** - we will soon look back at this period of time as a distant memory and hopefully one we can take positives from.

Please continue to keep an eye on the Carleton Park website, phone calls from teachers, this weekly newsletter and our school Facebook page for the latest updates and news.

Stay safe everyone - Mr Ayre

Pastoral phone calls

We have received some overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents and carers who have taken the time to email our school admin account to express their sincere thanks for the efforts our staff are taking in this unprecedented time.

For that I thank you enormously – it is genuinely appreciated and makes the world of difference to our teachers who are desperately missing your children.

*If you have not been contacted – please contact the school's admin email address.

Free School Meal Vouchers

For the last two weeks the FSM vouchers have been provided by Government sourced company – Edenred. We know that due to the volume of traffic on their website, it has been difficult to obtain your vouchers.

I apologise, as I know this has been a frustration for many parents. Please bear with this and if you need any further support to access the voucher or codes, do not hesitate in contacting the school admin team on: admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk our Office Manager Sarah Webster has been doing an admirable job which I know you appreciate.

Updated Home Learning Packs

New learning packs were available this week to download from our school website:
<https://carletonpark.patrust.org.uk>

As stated in communication by Tom Fay 'Executive Director of Primary Education' the vast majority of you are not (nor would want to be) teachers yet are taking on that role while trying to work from home, support family members, be parents and generally juggle numerous jobs. We do not expect you to complete all activities provided though we do have an obligation and responsibility to support you and your child with academic activities while school is closed.

DO YOUR BEST

This is our unwavering message to all parents/carers during this time.

Some useful tips when supporting learning from home:

- On an evening, plan with your child what work you are going to complete the next day so they know what to expect.
- Create your own timetable – let the work fit around your routine.
- Stay positive, have fun and laugh together – the work isn't a test/no one will judge how well you've done – enjoy the time working together.
- Make sure you take breaks – enjoy the fresh air and drink plenty of water.

If you are unsure on anything, email school or just google it. Do not worry about things being wrong – school will pick this up once we are back.

If you have any issues with downloading the home learning packs please contact us via the school admin email: admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk.

Social Media Updates!

Keep an eye out for our **upcoming Twitter Page** – as an attempt to further connect and communicate with more of our families on social media during this time, we are working hard to launch a school Twitter page.

Details and a link will be soon be shared.

The Twitter page will run alongside our school Facebook page which has proved to be very popular over recent months.

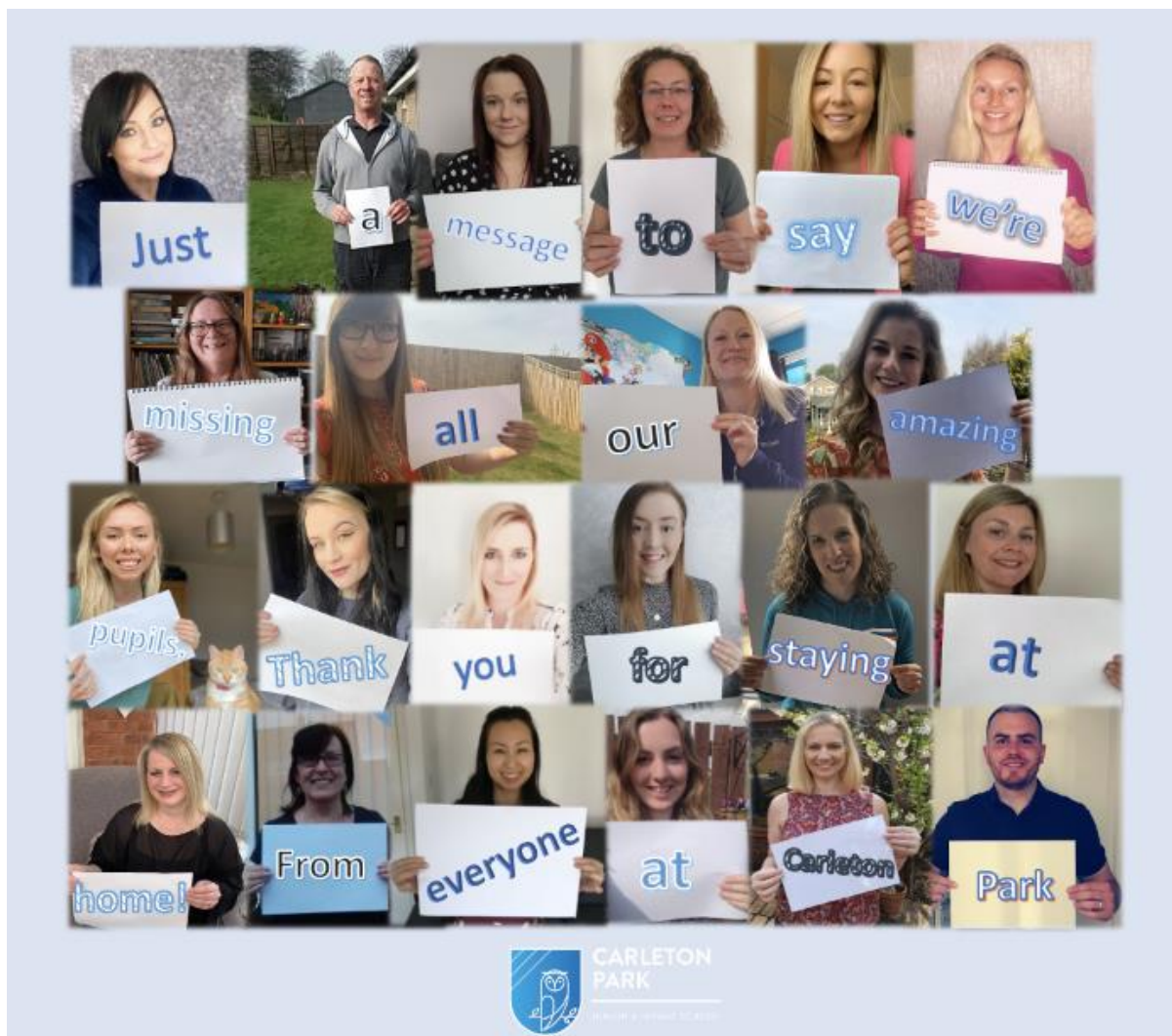
Teacher Challenges...?

A series of teacher challenges will begin next week – we feel it is important as much as possible to offer our children the chance to be creative.

Our series of teacher challenges over the next few weeks aim to provide this opportunity!

Continue to check when the challenge goes live and test yourself, it may be something sporty, musical, artistic...

If you have not already done so please keep an eye on our regular activities and updates on our School Facebook page – it has already proved extremely popular as a way of keeping in regular communication and seeing what amazing activities our children have been doing!



You can send your photos in via the 'send message' option on our Facebook page or if you have any problems sending them simply email them straight to us at admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk

Thank you so much for your continued support during this time.